

WASHINGTON – Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, issued the following statement after President Obama's State of the Union Address Tuesday night.

"Remarkably, after four years in office President Obama remains completely disconnected from average Americans who are still looking for fulfillment of his first term promises of a better economy and a more hopeful future.

"Sadly, after the most partisan governing in recent memory, the president's address lacked the courageous leadership to bring together a divided nation. Absent from his remarks were any signs that he would finally match the sacrifices of ordinary Americans with bold steps to rein in an increasingly costly and burdensome federal government.

"Instead, the president talked tonight as if he were just entering office, laying out a fresh vision of big government stimulus programs and costly new energy restrictions. In fact, these are the same failed policies which for the last four years have kept real unemployment at 10.8 percent and added nearly \$6 trillion to the national debt.

"Despite his pledges to reignite the engine of economic growth, President Obama has done little to empower working Americans during his first term. The Republican Congress is prepared to work with the president to put Americans back to work, but not by rubberstamping a big government agenda that has already failed millions who've given up hope."

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